

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1144

By Howell

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate WCLE Radio, winner of the Luther Award.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those dynamic broadcasting entities whose contributions have been so important to the quality of life of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary organization is WCLE Radio in Cleveland/Bradley County, which was recently named the recipient of the Luther Award by the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, a highly prestigious accolade named for Chattanooga radio legend Luther Massengill, the Luther Award specially recognizes the best charitable endeavor by a radio station in Tennessee, which this year is WCLE's Empty Stocking Fund; and

WHEREAS, established in 1975 by former WCLE morning host and former Cleveland Mayor Tom Rowland and his wife Sandra, the Empty Stocking Fund seeks to provide a happy Christmas to underprivileged children in the community; and

WHEREAS, now hosted by WCLE morning host Steve Hartline and rotating special guests from the community, the Empty Stocking Fund event is broadcast live on WCLE for several days during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, now in its fifth decade of operation, the Empty Stocking Fund is a wonderful local Christmas tradition that has raised more than one million dollars and reaches more than 1,000 children in Cleveland and Bradley County each year; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor and congratulate this exemplary radio station on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the owners and staff of WCLE Radio on the station's receipt of the Luther Award from the Tennessee Radio Hall of Fame and wish them much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.